

City of Lynn, Lynn Community Health Center and Mass General Brigham Announce Joint Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Operation

LYNN – The City of Lynn Department of Public Health, Lynn Community Health Center (LCHC) and Mass General Brigham (MGB) are pleased to announce a joint, mobile COVID-19 vaccination operation. The goal of this mobile vaccination program is to meet people where they are in order to reduce barriers to vaccination in our hard to reach communities.

Eligible community partners for mobile vaccination clinics include Lynn businesses, community organizations, or places of worship. Registration for a mobile clinic is available through the link below, and once it is submitted, staff from Lynn Community Health Center or the Lynn Department of Public Health will contact applicants as soon as possible to schedule, based on staff and vaccine supply availability.

Link to register for Lynn mobile vaccine clinic:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Tl1uPZRKVE-zK_NbRzISn_hCQ5t92dBBjZJNzhlrNR5UQUdKSFc0RUhYMTVDTVhQN1JPQjZVNTIxQy4u

The Lynn mobile vaccine operation has been successfully piloted over the last two weeks with clinics at a handful of businesses and places of worship for eligible populations based on the state's guidelines. These efforts will officially launch and ramp up this Monday, April 19th as Massachusetts vaccine eligibility expands to all people age 16+.

The latest state data shows that as of April 13th, 24,618 Lynn residents are fully vaccinated and 13,349 are partially vaccinated. Overall, 38% of the Lynn population has received their first dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

“I want to thank everyone who has worked so diligently in the Lynn Department of Public Health, Lynn Community Health Center and Mass General Brigham to facilitate the vaccine rollout here in Lynn,” said Mayor Thomas M. McGee. “Our goal has always been to make vaccine as accessible as possible with a multi-pronged team approach by opening up the Lynn Tech Vaccination site, which is up to 6,000 vaccinations a week, and conducting designated vaccine clinics at our senior and affordable housing buildings and for our first responders, educators, and essential workers. We also vaccinated a number of our homebound residents before the state launched their homebound program. This mobile vaccination operation is building upon those tremendous efforts. I encourage everyone to get vaccinated through one of these opportunities, so we can finally get past this pandemic.”

“I am very proud of the incredible work done by our Department of Public Health staff to vaccinate so many members of our community to date,” said Lynn Public Health Director Michele Desmarais. “Offering mobile vaccine clinics creates a more comfortable and accessible environment for people to get vaccinated. Thank you to our partners at the Lynn Community

Health Center and Mass General Brigham for their work throughout this pandemic to navigate these challenging times.”

“We understand that there are many barriers that people may face in getting vaccinated at the Lynn Tech Vaccination site, from scheduling an appointment to transportation issues,” said David Schaffner, Nurse Practitioner and LCHC’s clinical lead for mobile vaccinations. “LCHC, the City, and MGB want to remove as many of those barriers as possible for the residents of Lynn, to ensure that anyone who wants to be vaccinated has that opportunity.”

“Our goal is to bring vaccines and information into the community, the places where residents work, live, and gather,” said LCHC Practice Manager Rosie Conway. “The Health Center is excited to be a partner in this effort – a critical step in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“We are proud to work with the Health Center and the City of Lynn on a comprehensive mobile vaccination strategy and have deployed a robust team of employees to help assist with community vaccination efforts,” says Christine Valdes, M.D., a family medicine physician at North Shore Physicians Group and Medical Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Salem Hospital, a member of Mass General Brigham. “Our Community Care Team includes staff from across our system with a range of skill sets and language capabilities who are dedicated to vaccinating the most vulnerable residents of Lynn.”

Please note, if you are seeking an individual appointment, please visit <https://www.lhcnet.org/covid-19-vaccine-scheduling>. If you are seeking an appointment for yourself or someone who is homebound, please visit http://www.lynnma.gov/covid19/vaccine.shtml#gpm1_4.

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